

CRAIG OPPERMAN – BRIEF PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

SUMMARY

- Over twenty years of progressively more responsible, outcome-based management of services for children and families.
- Ability to grow business under adverse conditions while achieving high quality results.
- Hands-on leader, solving complex problems through innovative, systems-driven solutions.

EXPERIENCE

Current Position

Executive Director, Looking Glass Youth and Family Services, Eugene, OR.

The agency is a private, non-profit corporation that specializes in serving the children, youth and families of Lane County, Oregon. Last year, it served more than 7,000 individuals. Looking Glass services include: a short-term shelter care center for runaway and homeless children, and others at-risk; a help line for youth in crisis and those who have been abused; a transitional living program which also contains a street outreach program; extensive counseling services working with family dysfunction, youth substance abuse, youth sexual offenders, and providing a variety of youth and parent support groups; a residential treatment center, with in-house school, dealing with adjudicated delinquent youth; a residential treatment center for juvenile offenders with severe substance abuse problems; a youth employment program that works with private-sector employers to provide employment; an intensive day treatment program for youth with mental health concerns; and eight alternative schools.

Previous Positions

Director of Community Programs, Christie School, Marylhurst, OR.

- Directed Community Programs for Oregon's oldest and largest psychiatric residential treatment agency.
- Opened Children's Receiving Center of Multnomah County.
- Provided strategic, operational, and fiscal leadership to implement innovative services (Community-Based Residential Treatment, Children's Receiving Center, Family Services, Rapid Response Team and ITS Pilot Projects.)
- Developed local and regional partnerships to strengthen programs and diversify funding. Sources: Federal, State, County and Private.
- Advocated for programs locally and nationally through presentations, published articles, expert testimony, media appearances, and policy recommendations.

Director, Multnomah County Children's Receiving Center, Portland, OR.

- See Milestones section.

Previous Experience

Program Manager - Directed Family Services Program, Christie School, Marylhurst, OR.

- Coordinated family services and transition services for discharged clients.
- Supervised a team of therapists and social workers. Managed personnel and budget for program.
- Developed strength-based service system for children and families.
- Provided clinical supervision and family therapy on an outpatient basis; developed and implemented treatment and transition plans. Provided advocacy and case management.
- Coordinated community resources and services.

Clinical Supervisor, Christie School, Marylhurst, OR.

Unit Director, Christie School, Marylhurst, OR.

Family Therapist, Christie School, Marylhurst, OR.

Child Specialist, Christie School, Marylhurst, OR.

Program Director, Daughters and Sons United. Division of Parents United, Portland, OR.

Therapist, Rape and Sexual Abuse Care Center, Edwardsville, IL.

Milestones

Children's Receiving Center (CRC) of Multnomah County – Portland, Oregon. Created and developed 16-bed program to service children in crisis. Secured program contract for Christie School through competitive process in 1999. Opened program in January 2003.

Intensive Treatment Services Pilot Project – Regional Initiative. Developed and contracted with State of Oregon Mental Health and Addiction Services Division. 12-bed demonstration project establishing child-centered, family focused, flexible, integrated system of care with private and public partners. Opened program in Clackamas County, September 2002; Multnomah County, January 2003; Washington County, January 2003.

Oregon Mental Health Delegation to China – Served as a delegate representing Oregon on cultural and educational exchange to mental health institutions, hospitals and universities in China. March 2001.

Community-Based Residential Treatment Program – Developed new program to provide continuum of services for Christie School children and families. Presented model at American Association of Children's Residential Centers (AACRC) National Conference. Article published AACRC's *"Contributions to Residential Treatment,"* October 1999.

EDUCATION

Masters of Science in Counseling & Education (MSE), Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL

National Certified Counselor (NCC), National Board of Certified Counselors, Alexandria, VA

Certified "Wraparound Programs" Trainer, Brown-Miles Institute, Columbus, OH

Licensed Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) Specialist, State of Oregon - Department of Human Services, Salem, OR

ADJUNCT FACULTY EXPERIENCE

Portland State University, Portland, Oregon. Taught *"Working with Families of Residential Clients"* and *"Sexual Abuse Treatment"* courses for School of Education & School of Social Work.

Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Taught T'ai Chi Ch'uan to second-year oriental medicine students.

Portland Community College, Portland, Oregon. Taught seminar, *"Residential Treatment Care and Practice"* to nursing students and mental health systems coders.

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois. Taught classes in counseling, communications and practicum. Provided research.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Child and Adolescent Residential Psychiatric Programs (CHARPP) of Oregon

Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs (OACP) - Salem, Oregon

Multnomah County Coalition Against Child Abuse (MCCAC)

State of Oregon - System of Care Advisory Board of Directors

Multnomah County, Clackamas County, Washington County

Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services (CARES) Advisory Board

Emanuel Hospital, Portland, Oregon

Sexual Abuse Treatment Providers of Oregon, Board of Directors

Cascade Sexual Abuse Treatment and Education Program of Portland